













## Commercial.

**CLOSING QUOTATIONS.**  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—157 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, buyers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.  
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$337 per share, buyers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 39 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$222 per share, sellers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—165 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$64 per share, buyers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$194 per share, buyers.  
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$92 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$93 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$82 per share, sellers.  
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.  
 Fungion and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$48 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—71 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.  
 Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—275 per cent. premium, nominal.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$64 per share, buyers.  
 The Seng Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, sellers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 The Aspin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$52 per share premium, buyers.

**ON LONDON.**—Bank, T. T. 3/0  
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/0  
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/0  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11  
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11  
**ON PARIS.**—Bank, T. T. 71/1  
 Private, 30 days' sight 72/1  
**ON INDIA.**—Bank, T. T. 3/7  
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/95  
 On Demand 223  
**ON SHANGHAI.**—Bank, T. T. 71/1  
 Private, 30 days' sight 72/1

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

New MALWA, per picul..... \$660  
 (Allowance, Tals 40).  
 OLD MALWA, per picul..... \$650  
 (Allowance, Tals 64).  
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest... \$565  
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest... \$575  
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest... \$575  
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest... \$575  
 NEW DENAR, (without choice) per chest... \$575  
 NEW DENAR, (bottom) per chest... \$575  
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$630  
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$600  
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul... \$580

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

14th December, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Bar.	Therm.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.
Wanchow	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Tsien	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Nagasaki	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Shanghai	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Amoy	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Hongkong	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Batavia	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Manila	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10

15th December, 1888.—At 4 a.m.

STATION.	Bar.	Therm.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.
Wanchow	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Tsien	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Nagasaki	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Shanghai	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Amoy	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Hongkong	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Batavia	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10
Manila	30.15	53	SE	100	SE	10	SE	100	SE	10

The barometer has risen and continues moderate for the day. Cloudy, and rather warm and dry weather prevails.  
 The thermometer is at 53° in the shade, 50° in the sun, and 45° at 4 a.m. The wind is from the S.E. at 10 miles per hour. The sea is calm. The sky is clear. The moon is visible. The stars are visible. The temperature is 53° in the shade, 50° in the sun, and 45° at 4 a.m. The wind is from the S.E. at 10 miles per hour. The sea is calm. The sky is clear. The moon is visible. The stars are visible.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Time.	Therm.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Force.
6 a.m.	50	SE	100	SE	10
9 a.m.	53	SE	100	SE	10
12 m.	56	SE	100	SE	10
3 p.m.	59	SE	100	SE	10
6 p.m.	56	SE	100	SE	10
9 p.m.	53	SE	100	SE	10
12 a.m.	50	SE	100	SE	10

## MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Sydney*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th.

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**  
 The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albany*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the 4th instant.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Antonio* left Kobe for this port on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 15th.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chingwa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 9th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 16th.

The D. D. R. steamer *Polyhymnia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 12th instant, and is expected here on the 18th.

## Shipping.

## ARRIVALS.

HAILONG, British steamer, 784, J. S. Roach, 15th Dec.—Tamsui 12th Dec, Amoy 13th, and Swatow 14th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 15th Dec.—Whampoa 15th Dec, General—Siemssen & Co.

INGRABAN, German steamer, 494, Masmann, 15th Dec.—Whampoa 15th Dec, General—Wiel & Co.

KWANGLEE, Chinese steamer, 1508, Andrew, 15th Dec.—Whampoa 15th Dec, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

FOO-FOO, Chinese gunboat, Captain Sing Wen Ho, 15th Dec.—Keelung 12th Dec.

ASHINGTON, German steamer, 860, C. Zindel, 15th Dec.—Iloilo 10th Dec, Sapanwood—Siemssen & Co.

SEPTIMA, German steamer, 783, P. Hansen, 15th Dec.—Kobe 8th Dec, Coals—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

BENVENUE, British steamer, 1497, A. W. S. Thomson, 15th Dec.—Amoy 14th Dec, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**  
*Kwanglee*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, Amoy, British steamer, for Shanghai.

*Norden*, Norwegian steamer, for Nagasaki, Amoy, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

*Thyra*, German steamer, for the North, Norwegian bark, for Mantong.

*Divawongse*, British steamer, for Saigon, Amoy, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

*Ingraban*, German steamer, for Nagasaki, Amoy, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.

*Mellita*, German steamer, for Haiphong.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 December 14, *H. G. Johnson*, American bark, for New York.

December 15, *Diamond*, British steamer, for Amoy.

December 15, *Alvina*, German steamer, for Hoihow.

December 15, *China*, German str., for Swatow.

December 15, *Thyra*, German str., for Kobe.

December 15, *Crusader*, British steamer, for Kutchinotzu.

December 15, *Mellita*, German steamer, for Haiphong.

**PASSENGERS.—ARRIVED.**  
 Per *Hailong*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—104 Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**  
 Per *Devawongse*, str., for Saigon.—150 Chinese.

Per *Mellita*, str., for Haiphong.—10 Chinese.

Per *Benvuue*, str., for Singapore.—176 Chinese.

**TO DEPART.**  
 Per *Alvina*, str., for Hoihow.—100 Chinese.

Per *Kwanglee*, str., for Shanghai.—70 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, str., for Shanghai.—10 Chinese.

Per *Doris*, str., for Haiphong.—15 Chinese.

Per *Wama*, str., for Swatow, &c.—Miss Piersford, Messrs. Wood, Chan Kwal Ste, and Wong Wai Yuen, and 500 Chinese.

Per *Actio*, str., for Hoihow.—60 Chinese.

Per *Doris*, str., for Haiphong.—15 Chinese.

Per *Wama*, str., for Swatow, &c.—Miss Piersford, Messrs. Wood, Chan Kwal Ste, and Wong Wai Yuen, and 500 Chinese.

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## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

**STEAMERS.**  
 ABEYSSINIA, British steamer, 3,500, Geo. A. Lee, 14th Dec.—Vancouver 13th Nov., and Nagasaki 8th Dec, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revabeck, 14th Dec.—Pakhoi 10th Dec, and Hoihow 15th, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

AJAX, British steamer, 1,562, J. Riley, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, via Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow, 8th Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

ARABIC, British steamer, 4,368, W. M. Smith, 2nd Dec.—San Francisco 7th Nov., and Yokohama 27th, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.

CAMORTA, British steamer, 1,355, A. A. Fyfe, 5th Dec.—Java 22nd Nov., and Singapore 28th, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHINOTTO, British steamer, 1,500, Hunt, 3rd Dec.—Sydney via Tiladja, 23rd October, Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

DEVAVONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff, 5th Dec.—Kobe 28th Nov., Coals—Yuen Fat Hong.

DORIS, German steamer, 771, F. Raben, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 9th Dec, Rice—Wiel & Co.

DURBUR, German steamer, 921, C. T. Bertelsen, 14th Dec.—Samarang 3rd Dec, Sugar—Melchers & Co.

FAKE, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

GLENSHIRE, British steamer, 2,240, Donaldson, 9th Dec.—Kobe 4th Dec, General and Coals—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,491, H. Craig, 11th Dec.—Adelaide 3rd Nov., Sydney 10th, Brisbane 17th, Townsville 20th, Cooktown 21st, Thursday Island 24th, and Port Darwin 1st Dec, Coals and General—Russell & Co.

NAMOA, British steamer, 863, T. G. Pocock, 11th Dec.—Foochow 7th Dec, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 10th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

NORDEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,367, Nielsen, 10th Dec.—Nagasaki 5th Dec, Coals and General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PHRA CHUL CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, A. Benson, 12th Dec.—Bangkok 5th Dec, Rice—Yuen Fat Hong.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

STURA, Italian steamer, 1,116, L. Caboara, 13th Dec.—Singapore 5th Dec, General—Carlowitz & Co.

TAICHOW, British steamer, 862, John A. Morris, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 6th Dec, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, Jackson, 13th Dec.—Calcutta 27th Nov., and Singapore 6th Dec, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 14th Dec.—Taiwanfo 10th Dec, Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

TARTAR, German steamer, 674, Puttong, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 9th Dec, General—Wiel & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,530, J. Couden, 21st Nov.—Nagasaki 16th Nov., Coals—Takasima Colliery Co.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, McCaslin, 14th Dec.—Manila 11th Dec, General—Russell & Co.

**SAILING VESSELS.**  
 ARCADIA, British bark, 417, D. S. Eward, 25th Nov.—Whampoa 24th Nov, General—Wiel & Co.

ARON, Norwegian bark, 634, A. Christensen, 23rd Nov.—Chefoo 12th Nov, Beans—Captain—At Aberdeen.

ALTAIR, British bark, 399, T. Munro, 1st Dec.—Newchwang, via Amoy 28th Nov, Beans and Melon Seed—Order.

AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jensen, 5th Dec.—Iloilo 18th Nov, Sapanwood—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

ELKORONG, Chinese bark, 457, Uplum Examination bulk, Stoncutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

MERCUR, British brigantine, 2,9, Dick, 12th Dec.—Amoy 11th Dec, General—Order.

NORWAY, Norwegian bark, 657, Th. Albrehtsen, 6th Dec.—Whampoa 5th Dec, General—Wiel & Co.

RAPHAEL, American ship, 1,465, E. W. Harkness, 30th Oct.—Nagasaki 28th Oct, Coal—Order.

SWAN, American bark, 28, D. O'Keefe, 15th Nov.—Yap (Caroline) 6th Nov, General—Captain.

TARAFACA, British bark, 492, H. Kennell, 6th Dec.—Sandakan 24th October, Timber—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov.—Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron—Chinese.

WAKEFIELD, American bark, 84, W. S. Crowell, 12th Nov.—Amoy 10th Nov, Ballast—Siemssen & Co.

WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 20th November—Albany (West Australia) 20th September, Sapanwood—Gillman & Co.

**RIVER STEAMERS.**  
 Fatahan, British steamer, 3,260, S. W. Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Hankow, British steamer, 2,335, Lloyd Butterfield & Swire.

Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, G. B. Lefavour—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

ICHANG, British steamer, 1,350, T. Shaw—Butterfield & Swire.

Kio-Kiang, British steamer, 617, W. E. Clarke—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

King-chow, British steamer, 1,191, Melver—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Pasig, Chinese steamer, 284, J. W. Stavers—Tok Koo (aid up for repairs).

Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—China Merchants S. N. Co.

Powen, British steamer, 1,590, J. P. Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

White Cloud, British steamer, 537, W. J. Raby—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

**WHAMPOA.**  
 CHOYKANG, British steamer, 1,104, Balmerley, 11th Dec.—Wahai 15th Dec, Grain—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KIO-KANG, British steamer, 617, W. E. Clarke, 11th Dec.—Shanghai, via Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow, 8th Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

ALTAIR, British bark, 399, T. Munro, 1st Dec.—Newchwang, via Amoy 28th Nov, Beans and Melon Seed—Order.

AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jensen, 5th Dec.—Iloilo 18th Nov, Sapanwood—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

ELKORONG, Chinese bark, 457, Uplum Examination bulk, Stoncutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Antonio	Kobe	December 14th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Chingwa	Liverpool	December 16th	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
City of Sydney	San Francisco	December 18th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Polyhymnia	Hamburg	December 18th	Siemssen & Co.
Albany	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Clyde.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Dec. 19th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Oopack.....	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
London, via Suez Canal	Glenartney.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
London, via Suez Canal	Anchises.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	December 22nd.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Iracaquady.....	Messageries Maritimes.....	Dec. 26th, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Preussen.....	Melchers & Co.....	Dec. 23rd, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Stura.....	Carlowitz & Co.....	Dec. 20th, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Cassandra.....	Siemssen & Co.....	Dec. 21st, at noon.
New York, via Suez Canal	Beravenue.....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yham	City of Sydney.....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.....	Dec. 29th, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yham	Arabic.....	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Abyssinia.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.....	Jan. 10th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Guthrie.....	Russell & Co.....	Dec. 20th, daylight.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chingtu.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Dec. 23rd, daylight.
Calcutta, via Straits.....	Taiasang.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m.
Sourabaya, via S'pore, &c.	Camorta.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 20th.
Yokohama, via N'saki, &c.	Ancona.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Dec. 22nd, daylight.
Kobe.....	Antonio.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.....	About Dec. 20th.
Kobe.....	Septima.....	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.....	Dec. 19th, at daylight.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.....	Chingtu.....	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About 17th Dec.
Shanghai.....	Amoy.....	Siemssen & Co.....	Dec. 17th, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.....	Kutsang.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Dec. 17th, at 3 p.m.
Holhow and Bangkok.....	P. C. Chom Klor.....	Yuen Fat Hong.....	Dec. 18th, at 8 a.m.
Manila.....	Zafiro.....	Russell & Co.....	Dec. 17th, at 4 p.m.
Coast Ports.....	Namoa.....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.....	To-morrow, daylight.